

## DOG TALK LLC (Training and Wellness)

### GUIDELINES FOR SAFETY & PEACE OF MIND

*Awareness Centered Training — ACT — Living and Learning with Dogs — Dog Talk Media©*

- 🐾 Pups as young as 4-months are accepted into ACT Level-I training.
- 🐾 Adopted dogs over 6-months, or if you have concerns about dog-to-dog interactions, should be evaluated before joining a group class.
- 🐾 All dogs must have visited their Veterinarian for a wellness check recently – bring health form..
- 🐾 **ARRIVAL: Teams**, please be considerate. Park facing the white vinyl picket fences.
- 🐾 Enter the training area through the double white doors. There are (2) fenced areas for you to relax with your dog before class.
- 🐾 **All dogs must be on a 4–6 foot leash – no flexible leads please for safety.**
- 🐾 **Meet/Greets:** Respect the dog and human’s spatial bubble/comfort zone. Some dogs may not want to socialize until they become familiar with the environment, other dogs, people, and have practiced socialization and manners (SAM).
- 🐾 **10/5:** Be aware of what’s going on around you within 10-feet. Within 5-feet ASK before entering human or dog’s spatial bubble/comfort zone.
- 🐾 Be your dog’s advocate (best friend) by taking a deep nose-to-navel breath. Explore, have fun, while being PRO-ACTIVE AND AWARE of your surroundings. Energy flows and shifts as does signals and cues from other dogs, people, children and the environment. Awareness and teaching creates the difference between being reactive (booga) & proactive (good dog).
- 🐾 **Socialization and Manners (SAM):** Off leash socialization may precede class. It is not mandatory or appropriate for ALL dogs. Puppies have a few minutes to engage with other pups/dogs, in a safe, supervised environment.
- 🐾 This flows into warm-ups and Awareness Centered Training—ACT begins.
- 🐾 **BRING** your dog’s blanket, or use one of ours, a favorite toy, and healthy treats.
- 🐾 Do not feed your dog before class. Instead, have them offer you a sit, watch-me, down.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Registered Pet-Partner® or Read w Me Therapy Team, visit [New England Pet Partners](#), [Pet Partners](#).

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